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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT : Reduction of Clearances for Outsiders

1. We have, as agreed at last month's first meeting of the Special Agency Security Committee, conducted a survey of the clearances held by outside contractors with the view toward reducing their number in keeping with the recent White House directive.

2. Within the Intelligence Directorate, by far the largest number of such outsiders is involved with NPIC. NPIC had proceeded to make the survey of this situation even prior to our special look. In addition, the DDI in recent weeks had undertaken his own review of Intelligence Directorate consultants and had reduced the number of these from 16 to 13.

3. As things now stand, we have identified a total of [REDACTED] industrial and independent contractors whose status has been put under review. Of the [REDACTED] hold SI/T-KH clearances, five hold Top Secret clearances, and 16 hold Secret clearances.

4. Plans are being made to cancel at least 154 SI/T-KH clearances and four Secret clearances. This number may increase inasmuch as NPIC continues to review the status of these contractors and further reductions may be made.

5. When the debriefing and cancellation actions have been completed over the next two or three months or so, this will leave no more than [REDACTED] contractors retaining their clearances under the auspices of the Intelligence Directorate. The breakdown of this figure will be [REDACTED] with SI/T-KH clearances, five with Top Secret clearances, and twelve with Secret clearances.

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